

West Deeping Parish Council

c/o 11 The Lane,

West Deeping,

Lincolnshire. PE6 9HS

20th November 2023

Lincolnshire County Council,
FAO Planning Committee.
c/o Planning Officer.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Application Ref: PL/0083/23

The West Deeping Parish Council on behalf of the residents of West Deeping would like to register their strong objections to this - yet another additional proposed quarry extension to the West Deeping Quarries.

There have been over 40 minerals and waste related quarry planning applications in West Deeping in the last 30 odd years and seven of these have been for extensions to existing quarrying activities in the last 7 years.

There has been quarrying in West Deeping for over 70 years now and there are future plans to bring this quarrying and its associated heavy industry ever closer to the village for another 30 plus years.

LCC have policies on cumulative impact in place to protect communities and let us guarantee to you here and now that the threshold for all of the cumulative detrimental impacts from this onslaught of mineral extraction on our community has been well surpassed.

This continued planning creep and continued moving of the goalposts for our community has destroyed our trust in those that we elected to look after us.

Next year you will be asked to decide whether to condemn West Deeping to another 30 plus years of open cast mining immediately next to the village.

Enough is enough. We urge you to stop letting your Minerals and Waste team and the quarry companies fool you into thinking there are no other options. It is your responsibility to protect us.

South Lincolnshire's preferred 'area of search' for sand and gravel extraction covers some 85 sq km of which only about 11 sq km has so far been subject to mineral extraction. Some of this already far too close to people's lives. Yet the quarry companies and the minerals and

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waste team have recently had you believe that the only place to extract this mineral is 25m from someone's home.

There are vast deposits of sand and gravel in the ground in the area of search which aren't yet another knife to the heart of the West Deeping Community. To have you believe otherwise is patently untrue.

We implore you to take our health and lives seriously - that is your responsibility. Please bring an end to this destruction of our village piece by piece. We have all surely taken way above our fair share of adverse cumulative impacts from the open cast mining next to our village for the last 70 years. It is time to look elsewhere for the County's sand and gravel requirements.

Yours sincerely,



Glenn Fuller

Chairman, West Deeping Parish Council

For and on behalf of the community of West Deeping